AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-26   (Cancelled).

27.   (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

28.   (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the restriction of the special playback is described by a ~~possibility/impossibility~~ possibility or impossibility code.

29.   (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein each of the special ~~section~~ sections is described on a per segment basis.

30.   (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the information stored in the memory includes license information that manages the content key and the usage condition as a pair.

31-34. (Canceled).

35.   (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

36.   (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein the restriction of the special playback is described by a ~~possibility/impossibility~~ possibility or impossibility code.

37.   (Currently Amended) The content playback control ~~method~~ terminal according to claim 39, wherein each of the special ~~section~~ sections is described on a per-segment basis.

38.   (New) A content playback control method comprising:

storing in a memory, ~~license~~ information describing ~~containing~~ a content key, and a usage condition, ~~and playback control information describing a~~ special ~~section~~ sections subject to a restriction of a special playback of content, ~~in the special section~~ and at least one playback mode permitted in each of the special sections;

decoding encrypted content using the content key, only when the usage condition is met;

~~controlling a playback of the decoded content based on the playback control information;~~

~~determining whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback in the special section;~~

determining, when ~~the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and~~ an instruction to perform the special playback is received, whether the special ~~section includes~~ sections include a point at which the

special playback is performed according to the ~~playback control~~ information <u>stored in the</u>

<u>memory</u>; and

determining, when the special ~~section includes~~ <u>sections include</u> the point at which the

<u>instructed</u> special playback is performed, ~~the possibility/impossibility~~ <u>possibility or impossibility</u>

of <u>performing</u> the <u>instructed</u> special playback for the decoded content <u>based on whether the at</u>

<u>least one playback mode in the information stored in the memory includes a playback mode of</u>

<u>the instructed special playback</u>.

39.   (Currently Amended) A content playback control terminal comprising:

<u>a memory that stores information comprising a content key, a usage condition, special</u>

<u>sections subject to a restriction of a special playback of content and at least one playback mode</u>

<u>permitted in each of the special sections</u>;

~~a license information recorder that records license information containing a content key~~

~~and a usage condition;~~

~~a playback control information recorder that recodes playback control information~~

~~describing a special section subject to a restriction of a special playback of content;~~

a content decoder that decodes encrypted content using the content key<u>;</u> ~~and plays the~~

~~decoded content based on the playback control information;~~

a license information processor that passes the content key to the content decoder<u>,</u> only

when the usage condition is met; and

a playback control information processor that controls the playback of the content in the

content decoder based on the <u>special sections and the at least one playback mode permitted in</u>

<u>each of the special sections,</u> ~~playback control information,~~ wherein:

wherein the license information processor determines whether the usage condition includes information specifying a possibility/impossibility of the special playback;

when the usage condition includes the information specifying the possibility/impossibility of the special playback and an instruction to perform the special playback is received, the playback control information processor determines whether the special section includes sections include a point at which the special playback is performed according to the information stored in the memory; and

when the special section includes the point at which the instructed special playback is performed, the playback control information processor determines the possibility/impossibility possibility or impossibility of performing the instructed special playback for the decoded content based on whether the at least one playback mode in the information stored in the memory includes a playback mode of the instructed special playback, and instructs the content decoder.